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In response to the Examiner's subsequent requirement requesting that the Applicants select one of the specified shapes of the cross-section of the column of the heat sink as recited in claims 3 and 18, Applicants select "a shape whose sectional width tapers as it goes away at a right angle from said heat receiving face", with

traverse. In particular, as claims 3 and 18 are dependent on claims 2 and 15, respectively, it is submitted that if the underlying independent base claims are deemed allowable, then claims 3 and 18 should be allowable as initially presented in the application. Further, Applicants identify each of the embodiments illustrated in Figs. 2(b)-2(e) as reading on the selected limitation.

Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims 10-14, which the Examiner has indicated are patentably distinct.


Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417.

Respectfully submitted,

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